



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Health Services

At its meeting held April 22, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“The current 1115 Waiver includes a provision for Los Angeles County to receive full cost-based reimbursement for Medi-Cal outpatient services, including full costs for hospital-based services. The reimbursement is substantially similar to that of Federally Qualified Health Centers. Through cost-based reimbursement, the Department receives approximately \$100 million annually more in Medi-Cal revenue than it would otherwise receive. This provision is due to sunset on June 30, 2005.

“The 1115 Waiver requires the Department to submit an application for a Federal grant that would bestow the Department of Health Services with Federally Qualified Health Center status. Approval of the grant would allow the Department to receive similar higher levels of reimbursement after the Waiver’s provision is no longer in effect, thus providing much needed resources to support the provision of outpatient services in the County system. The Department’s financial forecasts, and the preservation of Scenario III of the Strategic Plan, rely on an assumption that the revenue would continue after June 2005.

“Based on an analysis of the options available to meet the Federally Qualified Health Center governance requirements, the Department of Health Services is recommending that the County apply for a Public Housing grant, which allows for a waiver of the governing board statutory requirements. This application is due to the Federal government by April 30, 2003.

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“The application being submitted by the Department of Health Services proposes to provide on-site and referral services to residents from six public housing facilities. Three sites are managed by the County’s Housing Authority (Nueva Maravilla, Francisquito Villa, and Lancaster Homes) and three are managed by Los Angeles City’s Housing Authority (Nickerson Gardens, Rancho San Pedro, and San Fernando Gardens). Despite any waiver approved, the County would still be expected to satisfy the legislative intent of receiving strong consumer input, such as through an advisory board.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a);
2. Approved the Federally Qualified Health Center grant application which would allow the Department of Health Services to receive higher levels of reimbursement after the 1115 Waiver provision is no longer in effect;
3. Instructed the Director of Health Services to sign an application for a New Access Point Grant under Section 330(i) of the Public Health Service Act; and
4. Instructed the Director of Health Services to include in the Federally Qualified Health Center application a request for waiver of governance requirements, which will identify which requirements are to be waived; and a presentation of alternative arrangements in lieu of required elements.

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